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**Washington State
Energy Facility
Site Evaluation
Council**



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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your reference is the abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project. This document is designed to correct information and further explain what was provided in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The proponent, BP West Coast Products, LLC, has requested to build a 720-megawatt gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration facility in Whatcom County, Washington, and interconnect this facility into the regional power transmission grid. To integrate the new power generation into the transmission grid, Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) may need to rebuild 4.7 miles of an existing 230-kV transmission line.

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) and Bonneville have completed this FEIS under contract with Shapiro and Associates, Inc. The analysis was undertaken to meet the direction of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for state and private lands, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other relevant federal laws and regulations for federal permits and approvals.

A DEIS was issued for public comment on September 5, 2003. The public comment period closed on October 27, 2003. A public comment hearing was held on October 1, 2003, in Blaine, Washington. EFSEC and Bonneville received 33 comment letters and oral comments from 11 individuals.

The FEIS was prepared from information received from agencies, organizations, and individuals who submitted written and oral comments on the DEIS, and from testimony presented in the adjudicative hearings before EFSEC. Comments on the DEIS have resulted in changes to text and illustrations where appropriate. Volume 1, Chapter 1 of this FEIS contains an updated summary and project description. Chapters 2 and 3 contain the text revisions to the DEIS. Volume 2 includes copies of written comments and public hearing testimony concerning the DEIS, and responses to those comments.

For further information regarding this proposed project, you may contact Irina Makarow at (360) 956-2047 or Tom McKinney at (503) 230-4749. For copies of the DEIS, please contact Irina Makarow at (360) 956-2047 or you may access it on the Internet at www.efsec.wa.gov.

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